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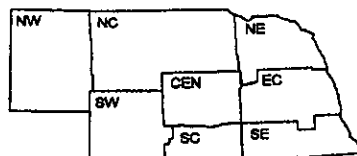
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WEATHER

Temperatures across the State averaged about five degrees above normals during the first three weeks with the fourth week ten to eighteen degrees above normals. Precipitation came in the form of snow midmonth followed by light rains across the State. Total February accumulation of one inch or more was recorded in Central and Southeastern Districts.

GENERAL

Moisture received during the latter half of the month improved the wheat outlook and soil moisture profile, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. The wheat crop has shown an improvement from the recent moisture but additional moisture will be needed. All spring crops and pastures will need a better moisture filled soil profile to adequately provide for the coming growing season. Producer activities included taking cattle off stalks, preparing taxes, attending meetings, and gearing up for the new cropping season.

CROPS

Winter Wheat crop rated 7% very poor, 13% poor, 32% fair, 46% good, 2% excellent. Reports indicated condition improvements are a result of the February snow and rains. Reporters are also quick to comment that additional moisture will be needed for proper plant growth and development of this year's crop.

Hay supplies, as well as feed grain supplies, were mostly adequate. The mild winter has enabled producers to stretch the hay and feed grain supplies, since cattle have been able to utilize stalk fields well.

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE & RANGE

Livestock producers reported excellent calving conditions with the open winter and mild temperatures. Calving was 26% complete by the end of February, slightly ahead of last year's 23%, with calf losses at below average to average. Cattle and calves condition improved during February and was rated mostly good to excellent.

SUPPLIES OF FEED GRAINS AND HAY AND FORAGE AS OF FEBRUARY 25, 2000	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST REPORT	LAST YEAR
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE			
PERCENT											
%Cow Calved since Jan. 2000	27	14	30	32	27	20	34	29	26	6	23
Feed Grains - Very Short	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
(Percent) - Short	0	0	7	3	0	0	0	9	3	1	0
- Adequate	85	82	61	43	77	58	75	64	70	69	72
- Surplus	15	18	17	54	23	42	25	27	25	30	28
Hay and Forage - Very Short	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
(Percent) - Short	0	0	7	3	17	0	12	3	6	3	1
- Adequate	85	85	60	33	69	59	88	76	72	70	71
- Surplus	15	15	18	64	14	41	0	19	20	27	28

n/a = not available

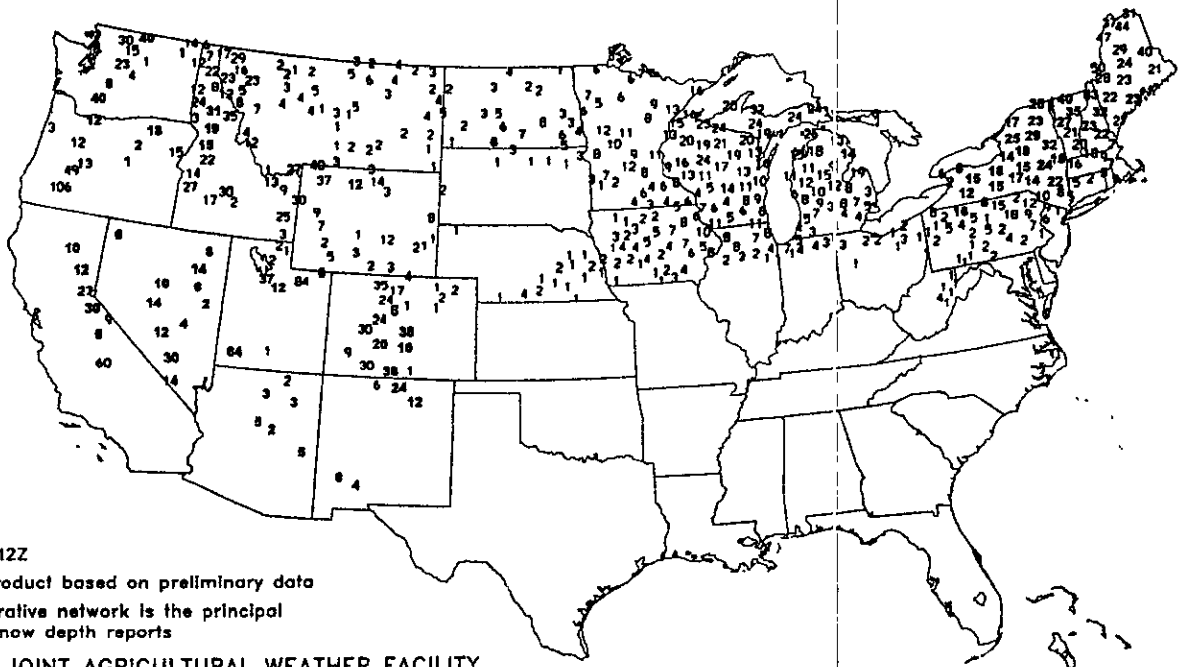
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Snow Depth (Inches)

Feb 21, 2000



Snow Depth at 12Z

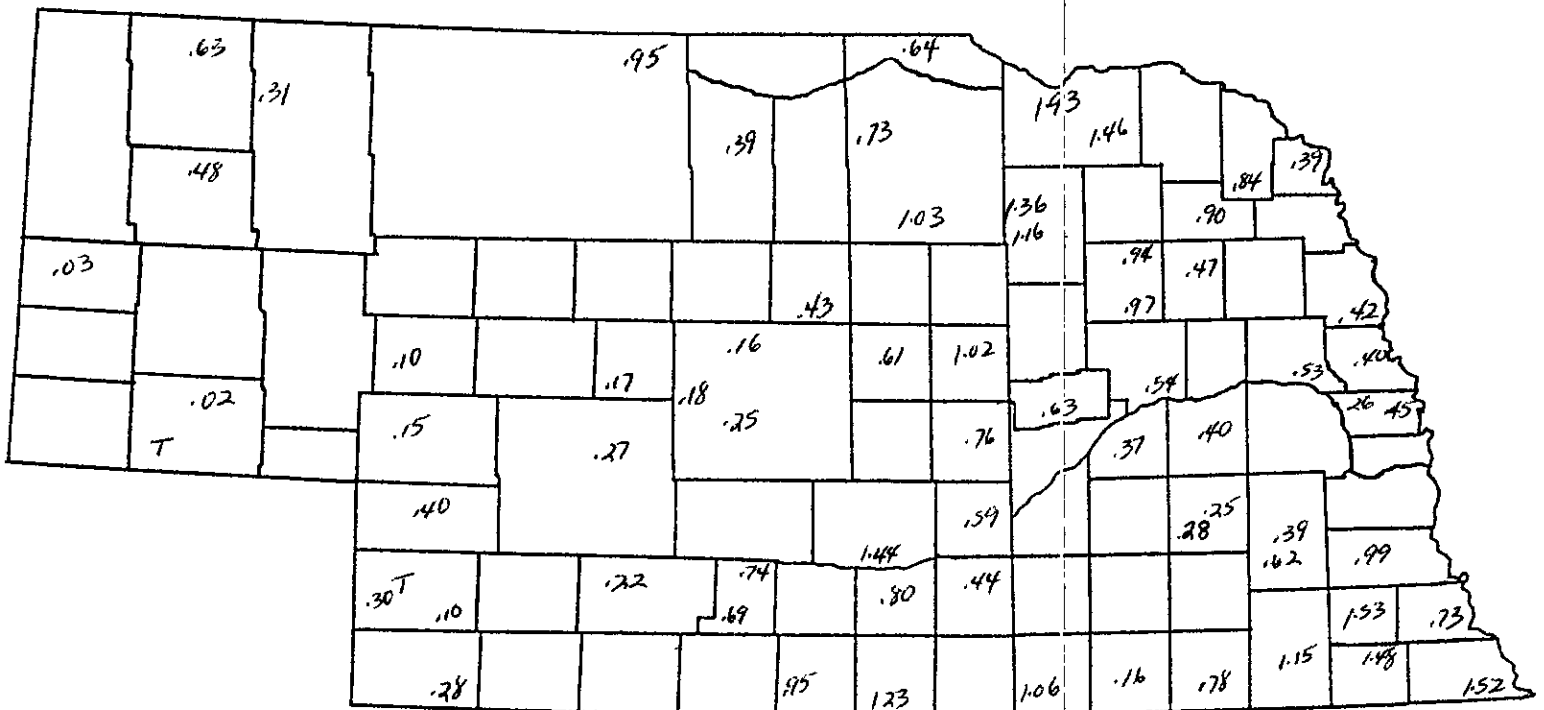
Experimental product based on preliminary data

The NWS cooperative network is the principal source of the snow depth reports

NOAA/USDA JOINT AGRICULTURAL WEATHER FACILITY

Supplemental values from the U.S. Air Force Snow Depth Analysis, 00Z Feb. 22

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2000



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2000

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	63	16	41	---	.63
Scottsbluff	64	12	41	+9	.03
Sidney	67	17	42	---	T
NC Valentine	70	19	43	+16	.95
NE Norfolk	65	15	44	+17	.94
Sioux City	64	10	44	+18	.39
CEN Grand Island	61	14	45	+15	.59
Ord	74	15	43	---	.61
EC Lincoln	71	11	49	+20	.39
Omaha	65	14	47	+17	.45
SW Imperial	70	21	44	---	T
North Platte	75	16	42	+12	.27